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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: THE SPORADIC FLOW

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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT A BURMESE SHIP BOUND TO HONG KONG, TOKYO AND RANGOON WITH 99 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES PICKED UP OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM WILL REACH HONG KONG JULY 7. THE ARRIVAL OF THESE REFUGEES AND THE PROBABILITY THAT REFUGEES WILL CONTINUE TO EMERGE FROM VIETNAM RAISE SEVERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ONGOING NATURE OF US REFUGEE ACTIVITIES.

(A) ARE THERE ANY NUMBERS FROM THE 11000 OF THE EPP CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR REFUGEES SUCH AS THESE WHO MAY QUALIFY UNDER CATEGORIES I-IV?

(B) AFTER JUNE 30, 1976 DOES INS/HK HAVE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE ELIGIBILITY OF REFUGEES UNDER CATEGORIES I-IV?

(C) IF INS/HK DOES NOT HAVE THIS AUTHORITY NOW, MAY THE POST FORWARD TO THE DEPT. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVALS UNDER CATEGORIES I-IV?

2. MAY THE POST CONTINUE TO FORWARD TO THE DEPT. IT RECOMMENDATIONS

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ON INDIVIDUAL HUMANITARIAN CASES?

3. HENCEFORTH ARE HUMANITARIAN CASES THE ONLY ONES WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED?

4. IN AS MUCH AS HKG CAN BE PRESUMED TO BE MOST RELUCTANT TO PERMIT THESE OR SUBSEQUENT REFUGEES TO LAND WITHOUT AN ASSURANCE OF ONWARD MOVEMENT WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, SHOULD THE POST AND/OR TOKYO INTERVIEW THESE REFUGEES ABOARD SHIP TO DETERMINE IF ANY APPEAR TO QUALIFY UNDER TH FOUR CATEGORIES OR AS SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN CASES?
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